

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 11-23 are allowable and claims 2, 4, 6-10, 25-29, 31, 33, 35-37, and 41-45 define patentable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2, and hence, claim 1 and all of its dependent claims that remain in the application are believed to define patentable subject matter and to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 24 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 25 which has been cancelled without prejudice. Hence, claims 24 and 26-29 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 31. Claims 31, 33 and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice. Hence, claims 30, 32 and 35-37 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 41. Claim 41 has been cancelled without prejudice. Hence, claims 38-40 and 42-45 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 46-48 are dependent upon claims 8, 18 and 37, respectively, which have already been indicated as defining patentable subject matter. Each of claims 46-48 recites that a stop is separate from an adjuster and can be moved independently of the adjuster. The prior art does not disclose or even suggest the combination of features of these claims. Each of these new claims is believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Each of the pending claims in this application, 1, 3, 5-24, 26-30, 32, 35-40 and 42-48 is believed to define patentable subject matter and to be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If, after considering this Response, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney, Matthew J. Schmidt, whose telephone number is (248) 689-3500, so immediate consideration can be given to any further amendment suggested by the Examiner or needed to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fees are due with this response. If, however, it is determined that any fee is due for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-0852 for any fees due.

Respectfully Submitted,



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